

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CHRISTOPHER BROWN,

Plaintiff,

v.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00212-LRH-CLB

**ORDER**

On May 15, 2024, pro se plaintiff Christopher Brown, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections, submitted a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and applied to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”). (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1). Plaintiff’s IFP application is incomplete because he did not use the Court’s approved form application. Rather, Plaintiff submitted a handwritten document titled “Motion to Proceed Informa Pauperis” that does not include all the information called for by the Court’s form. (See ECF No. 1 at 1–3). The Court will retain Plaintiff’s financial certificate and inmate trust fund account statement, and it grants Plaintiff an extension of time to file an IFP application on the Court’s approved form.

**I. DISCUSSION**

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). As of December 1, 2023, the fee for filing a civil-rights action is \$405, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$55 administrative fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.” Nev. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate

1 and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund**  
2 **account statement for the previous six-month period**. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–  
3 (2); Nev. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her  
4 obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments.  
5 See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

6 **II. CONCLUSION**

7 It is therefore ordered that Plaintiff has **until June 17, 2024**, to either pay the full  
8 \$405 filing fee or file with the Court a completed application to proceed *in forma pauperis*  
9 on the Court's approved form with the inmate's two signatures on page 3.

10 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if  
11 he fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff to  
12 refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a complete  
13 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

14 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff Christopher Brown the approved  
15 form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and instructions for the same  
16 and retain the complaint and exhibits (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1-2) but not file them at this time.

17 DATED THIS 16th day of May 2024.

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21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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